

**William Fairfax to George Washington, March 31, 1757,
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FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.

WMS. BURG 31st. March 1757

DEAR SIR

Yesterday by the Return of Capt. Ouchterlony I had the Pleasure to enquire of Him concerning your State and Welfare, but He said the Uncertainty of his coming hither prevented his acquainting You with it: however left You well.

Lieut. Baker setting off with the about Sixty of the Nottoways & Tuskarora Indians equipt with Arms &c to joyn the Tribes of Cherokees & Catawbas before Sent under the Care & Conduct of Majr. Lewis & Lieut. Williams will I hope be a welcome Re-inforcement and productive of good Events —

Captn. Jack Chief of the Tuskaroras produc'd to Me in Council your Letter of Invitation, wrote by Bryan Fx, who I wish, had not resign'd but continued with You. I will not doubt that You had a kind Reception, from Lord Loudoun, and that his Orders for the Destination of your Regiment will be agreeable to the Corps.

The Governor came to Town this Day abt. 12 o'Clock accompanied wth Govr. Dobbs in seeming good Health and little fatigued. Every Member of the Council is Summond to meet at the Capitol on Monday next, Col. Ph. Lee included lately sworn & admitted. Colo. Tayloe has also the King's Order and may soon be expected to show it for the Same

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Purpose. By the Governor's Discourses whatever the intended Disposition of our Troops may be, is to be an enjoin'd Secret: But I suppose You was consulted and thought worthy of being entrusted at least with our Southern Attempts. As I apprehend You will not go up to Fort Cumberland (now expected to be given up to Maryland¹) before You get Money to pay the Arrears due to the Regiment I have desired Mr. Baker to leave this Letter at Fredricksburg. He has taken kind Care of his Charge and appeared to be of a sober and good Disposition: if wanted, writes a good Hand, and to Him refer for particulars.

I dont yet know whether the Genl. Assembly will be call'd before Time of prorogation the last Thursday next Month.

My best Compts. to yr. Mother, Bro: Sister and Friends —

I am with all friendly Regards Yr. affect & obedt. W. FAIRFAX

¹ According to the plan concerted at Philadelphia for future operations, Fort Cumberland was henceforward to be garrisoned by Maryland forces, and the Virginia troops, provisions, and stores were to be removed to Fort Loudoun. Hence, notes Sparks, Washington's views, as far as Virginia was concerned, were at a late hour adopted, after a tedious winter had been spent, and much money had been wasted on the works at Fort Cumberland.